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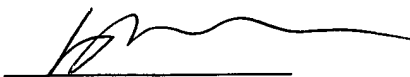
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Sir:

Over sixty (60) days have passed since the filing of the Communication in response to Withdraw Notice of Abandonment for the above referenced application. In order to further prosecute the instant application, the undersigned respectfully requests acknowledgement of the October 1, 2002 Communication and requests receipt of an action on the merits of this application.

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